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OFFICERS:

HON. MR. JUSTICE BABY, - - - *President.*

HON. MR. EDWARD MURPHY, Senator, 1st *Vice-President.*

MR. CHS. T. HART, - - - - - 2nd *Vice-President.*

MR. DE LERY MCDONALD, - - - *Secretary.*

MR. ROSWELL C. LYMAN, - - - - *Treasurer.*

MR. J. A. U. BEAUDRY, C. E., - - *Curator.*

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Assented to February 1st., 1870.

An act to incorporate "The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal."

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named, have, by petition, represented that for some years past, they and others have founded and maintained an association under the name of "The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal" for the promotion of Numismatic Science and Antiquarian Research, and the general advancement of science, and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said society, the same may be incorporated; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts, as follows:

1. Stanley C. Bagg, James Ferrier, jr., T. D. King, William Blackburn, Daniel Rose, Henry Mott, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, A. J. Boucher, Sullivan David, John Lawrence, Robert W. McLachlan, Gerald E. Hart, Alfred Sandham, J. L. Bronsdon, L. A. H. Latour, William Kingsford, R. J. Wicksteed and Henry Laggatt, and such other persons as are now members of the said association, or shall hereafter unite with them under the provisions of this act, and the by-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal" and may, by any legal title, acquire, hold and enjoy any estate whatever, real or personal, and may alienate, lease or otherwise dispose of the same or any

part thereof, from time to time and as occasion may require, and other estate, real and personal, may acquire instead thereof; provided always that the value of such estate, and to be held at any one time, shall not exceed the annual sum of two thousand dollars.

2. The Corporation shall not hold any property except as aforesaid, and such as shall be derived from the following sources, that is to say: the life, annual and other subscriptions of members, donations, bequests or legacies made to the corporation, and such other moneys or property as may be acquired by or from the ordinary transactions of the corporation, or may now belong to the existing association, and the moneys arising from fines and forfeitures lawfully imposed by their by-laws.

3. The affairs and business of the corporation shall be managed by such officers and committees, and under such restrictions, touching the powers and duties of such officers and committees, as by by-laws in that behalf the corporation may, from time to time, ordain, and the corporation may assign to any of such officers such remuneration as they deem requisite.

4. The corporation may make such by-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient for the administration and government of the corporation, and may repeal or amend the same, from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such by-laws or by the by-laws now in force, may be prescribed to that end, and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary to the ends of this act.

5. The present by-laws of the said association, not being contrary to law, shall be the by-laws of the corporation hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid.

6. Until others shall be elected according to the by-laws of the corporation, the present officers of the association shall be those of the corporation.

7. All subscriptions and all penalties due to the corporation under any by-law, may be recovered by suit in the name of the corporation; but any member may withdraw therefrom at any time, on payment of all amounts by him due to the corporation, inclusive of his subscription for the year then current.

8. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit or prosecution in which the corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the corporation.

9. The corporation shall be bound to make annual reports to the Lieutenant-Governor and to both houses of the legislature containing a general statement of the affairs of the said corporation, which said reports shall be presented within the first twenty days of every session of the legislature.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the NUMISMATIC AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the Society shall be the promotion of Numismatic Science and Antiquarian Research, by bringing together persons possessed of information on kindred topics and by forming a Library and Museums of Coins, Medals and Antiquities.

ARTICLE III.

a. The Officers of the Society shall be a President; two Vice-Presidents; a Treasurer; a Secretary and a Curator.

b. These Officers and five members shall constitute an Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV.

The election of Officers and Council shall take place at the December meeting of the Society and they shall enter upon their duties in the month of January following.

ARTICLE V.

The Society shall establish for its government such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary

ARTICLE VI.

The Common Seal of the Society shall be a round shield charged with a tomahawk and calumet saltier, in chief an antique lamp; dexter an ancient coin with head of Minerva; sinister a Canadian cent with head of Queen Victoria, and base a Beaver; the shield encircled with a garter bearing the words: *Numismaticæ et Archæologicæ Marianapolitanæ Societatis Sigillum.*

ARTICLE VII.

No change shall be made in this Constitution unless by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of the Society.—Notice of such proposed change having been submitted in writing at the previous meeting;—the notice calling the meeting shall state the nature of the proposed change.

BY-LAWS.

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CHAPTER I.

OF MEMBERS.

Art. 1.—The membership of the Society shall comprise Ordinary, Life, Corresponding, Honorary and Associate members.

a. ORDINARY members shall be those who pay the annual subscription of two dollars.

b. LIFE members shall pay twenty dollars.

c. CORRESPONDING members may be elected from non-residents.

d. HONORARY members shall comprise persons of scientific reputation or benefactors of the Society.

e. ASSOCIATE members shall be those under twenty-one years of age interested in the Science and their fees to be one dollar.

Art. 2.—Any candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Society and balloted for at the next meeting; two negative votes out of ten shall defeat his election.

Art. 3.—Ordinary and Life members, only, have a right to vote and hold office.

Art. 4.—Members in arrears shall not be entitled to the privileges of membership until they shall have paid their dues.

Art. 5.—A member over two years in arrears may be struck off the list and expelled from the Society.

Art. 6.—No note of the rejection of any candidate shall be made in the minutes of the Society.

Art. 7.—Any member may resign his membership, provided all his dues to the Society have been paid to the date of his resignation.

CHAPTER II.

OF OFFICERS.

Art. 1.—The President shall occupy the chair at the meetings of the Society, preserve order and enforce the Laws and Rules of the Society. He shall decide all questions of order. At the November meeting he shall appoint two auditors; he shall give the casting vote and shall annually, at the December meeting, make a report embracing the affairs of the Society in general. He shall call special meetings of the Society when he thinks proper, or when asked to do so, in writing, by three members of the Society. He shall, *ex officio*, form part of all committees.

Art. 2.—In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in their absence a President *pro tem*, shall occupy the chair.

Art. 3.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the funds of the Society and attend to the collection and payment of monies; no payment shall be made by him unless it has been approved by the Council; he shall keep a detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures to be laid before the Society annually at the December meeting. Before the annual meeting, he shall exhibit to the Auditors all the books, vouchers, etc., and the names of all the members who may have neglected to pay their contributions or fees.

Art. 4. The Secretary shall take and preserve correct minutes of the proceedings of the Council and of the Society, preserve all documents belonging thereto; give notice of meetings, notify members of their election and committees of their appointment, acknowledge all donations to the Society; he shall keep a correct list of the members with the date of their election, resignation or death; he shall

conduct and preserve the correspondence of the Society; he shall keep copies of all letters written on business of the Society and shall read, at each meeting, the minutes of the proceedings of the Council and the Society's previous meeting. He shall read the reports of committees and conduct all elections of members under the directions of the presiding officer. It shall be his duty to arrange for papers, on subjects of interest to the members, to be read at each meeting.

Art. 5.—The Curator and Librarian shall take charge of the Museum and Library and their contents and shall report to the Society on the condition of same, annually, at the December meeting. He shall make out a detailed catalogue of all books, coins, medals and antiquities belonging to the Society inserting the name of each donor. He shall also keep a book to enter all donations to the cabinet or to the Library, with the date and the names of the donor, which book shall be laid before the annual meeting of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the Council, cause the specimens to be properly classed, arranged and labelled.

a. Members of the Society alone shall have access to the Library and Museum, but each member shall have the privilege of introducing a friend.

Art. 6.—At the annual meeting of the Society, the respective officers and the Council shall be elected separately by ballot.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE COUNCIL.

Art. 1.—The Council shall have the management of the financial business of the Society, the real and moveable property which may now or hereafter be acquired by the Society. It shall conduct all the business of the Society;

the minutes shall be kept in a separate book and read at the general meeting for approval. It may purchase or make agreement for the purchase or exchange of specimens.

Art. 2.—The Council shall meet during the week preceding the general meeting.

Art. 3.—No accounts shall be paid unless they have been previously approved by the Council, entered in the minutes and initialed by the Secretary.

Art. 4.—No liabilities shall be incurred unless previonsly authorized by the Council.

Art. 5.—Donations in money made to the Society, except for special objects, and the fees paid by Life members shall be counted as *Capital Account* and shall be invested as such under the direction of the Council.

CHAPTER IV.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 1.—A Committee, called the *Editing Committee*, composed of three members shall have charge of the Society's publications.

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OF MEETINGS.

Art. 1.—Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of every month throughout the year, with the exception of June, July and August and at such other times as the President may direct, or three members may request in writing; the precise day, hour and place shall be determined by the President, who will instruct the Secretary to notify members of it in writing.

Art. 2.—Each member shall have the privilege of introducing a friend at the meetings of the Society.

Art. 3.—At the ordinary meetings of the Society, the following order of business shall be observed, viz :—

1. The chair shall be taken at eight o'clock p. m.;
2. Members present noted by the Secretary. ;
3. Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed ;
4. Minutes of previous meeting of Council read and approved.
5. Business arising out of the minutes ;
6. Contributions and donations received ;
7. Exhibits ;
8. Written communications ;
9. Verbal communications ;
10. Proposal of new members ;
11. Election of members ;
12. Lectures, Essays or discussions ;
13. Announcement of the paper for next meeting ;
14. Place of next Meeting fixed.

CHAPTER VI.

QUORUMS.

Ordinary general meetings Seven. Majority simple.

Special meetings to alter Constitution or By-Laws twelve. Majority three fourths.

Council meetings three. Majority simple.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE BY-LAWS.

Art. 1.—Any proposition to alter or amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at one meeting and voted on at the next meeting, when, upon receiving the votes of three-fourths of the members present, it shall become a part of the By-Laws.